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H. R. 5062

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to promote domestic natural gas research and development, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TEAGUE (for himself and Mr. HALL of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Unconventional Do-
5 mestic Natural Gas Research and Development Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM.**

7 Section 999A(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
8 (42 U.S.C. 16371(a)) is amended—

9 (a) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary”; and

2 (b) by adding at the end the following:

3 “(2) NAME.—The program established under
4 this section shall be known as the ‘Unconventional
5 Domestic Natural Gas Research and Development
6 Program’.”.

7 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

8 Section 999A of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
9 U.S.C. 16371) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(f) PURPOSES.—In carrying out the program au-
12 thorized by this subtitle, the Secretary shall seek to estab-
13 lish partnerships with research performers in institutions
14 of higher education and the private sector to undertake
15 research and development not likely otherwise to be under-
16 taken in the absence of support from the program.”.

17 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL PLAN.**

18 (a) Section 999B(e)(3) of the Energy Policy Act of
19 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16372(e)(3)) is amended by striking
20 “The Secretary” and inserting “Not later than February
21 1 of each year, the Secretary”.

22 (b) Section 999B(e) is amended by adding after para-
23 graph (5) the following:

24 “(6) NATIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY LABORA-
25 TORY ANNUAL PLAN.—The National Energy Tech-

1 nology Laboratory shall submit to the Secretary its
2 complementary annual research plan for inclusion as
3 a component of the President’s annual budget re-
4 quest to Congress.”.

5 **SEC. 5. FORM OF AWARD.**

6 Section 999B(f) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
7 (42 U.S.C. 16372(f)) is amended by adding at the end
8 the following:

9 “(4) FORM OF AWARD.—The program consor-
10 tium may make awards in the form of grants, con-
11 tracts, cooperative agreements, or other trans-
12 actions.”.

13 **SEC. 6. PROGRAM REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT.**

14 Section 999B(j) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
15 (42 U.S.C. 16372(j)) is amended by striking “The Na-
16 tional Energy Technology Laboratory, on behalf of the
17 Secretary, shall” and inserting “The Secretary shall”.

18 **SEC. 7. EXTENSION.**

19 Section 999F of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
20 U.S.C. 16376) is amended by striking “2014” and insert-
21 ing “2017”.

1 **SEC. 8. DEFINITION OF PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**
2 **FUNDS.**

3 Section 999G(3) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
4 (42 U.S.C. 16377(3)) is amended by inserting “the great-
5 er of \$4,000,000 or” after “not to exceed”.

6 **SEC. 9. FUNDING.**

7 (a) Section 999H(a) of the Energy Policy Act of
8 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16378(a)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “\$50,000,000” and inserting
10 “\$150,000,000”; and

11 (2) by striking “Ultra-Deepwater and Uncon-
12 ventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum” and
13 inserting “Unconventional Domestic Natural Gas”.

14 (b) Section 999H(f) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
15 (42 U.S.C. 16378(f)) is amended by striking “Ultra-Deep-
16 water and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petro-
17 leum” and inserting “Unconventional Domestic Natural
18 Gas”.

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